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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE
PRESIDENT FROM BURUNDI PRESIDENT MICHEL MICOMBERO

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED BY THE WHITE HOUSE
FROM PRESIDENT MICOMBERO TO PRESIDENT FORD, QUOTE:
ON THE OCCASION OF THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE INDEPENDENCE
OF YOUR COUNTRY IT IS A PARTICULAR PLEASURE FOR ME TO
OFFER MY WHOLEHEARTED CONGRATULATIONS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY
AND THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES ON
BEHALF OF MYSELF AND THE GOVERNMENT OF BURUNDI.

THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI HAS NOTED AND APPRECIATED THE
IMMENSE PROGRESS MADE BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DURING TWO
CENTURIES OF INDEPENDENCE AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE
GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MANKIND. WE HOPE THAT A CLOSER
COOPERATION BASED ON THE RESPECT OF THE PRINCIPLES OF
INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM AND PEACE AND JUSTICE BETWEEN NATIONS
WILL UNITE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC

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OF BURUNDI IN THE FUTURE.

I SEIZE THIS HAPPY OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO YOU, YOUR
FAMILY AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES MY BEST WISHES
FOR PEACE AND HAPPINESS. VERY HIGH CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE.

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2.FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE
DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT: QUOTE,

YOUR EXCELLENCY, ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE,
MRS. FORD AND I JOIN IN EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION FOR
YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 200TH
ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

IN OUR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS, THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE NOT ONLY MARK THE DEEDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE
PAST, BUT ALSO REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO INDIVIDUAL
FREEDOM, DIGNITY AND EQUALITY.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TOWARD THE
IMPORTANT GOALS OUR NATIONS SHARE. SINCERELY, GERALD R.
FORD. UNQUOTE.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT
WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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